

CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-2 (cancelled)

Claim 3 (previously presented) A method for alerting e-mail users comprising:

if a failed delivery e-mail message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;

displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;

wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and

clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

Claims 4-9 (cancelled)

Claim 10 (previously presented) A computer program product embodied in a tangible storage medium, the program product for alerting e-mail users comprising programming instructions for:

if a failed delivery e-mail message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;

displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;

wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and

programming instructions for clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

Claims 11 - 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (previously presented) A data processing system comprising:

circuitry operable for, if a failed delivery message is received, setting an indicator in an entry in one of an address book, an address database, and an address cache associated with an address of an addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message;

circuitry operable for displaying said address in conjunction with a perceptive cue in response to said indicator being set;

wherein, if said indicator is set, said indicator is operable for clearing in response to said address becoming accessible; and

circuitry operable for clearing said indicator in response to subsequently receiving an e-mail originated from the address of the addressee corresponding to the failed delivery message.

Claims 18-20 (cancelled)